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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Private Rehabilitative, Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapists**

**SUBJECT: I. Frequency Limitations**

**II. Inclusion of Private Therapies in Managed Care Organization Benefits**

- I. Effective August 1, 2009, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will apply the following limits to the listed procedure codes for services provided each state fiscal year to the fee-for-service Medicaid population. The state fiscal year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### Speech-Language Pathology Services

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Modifier	Modifier Description	Unit of Service	Frequency/ Service Limits
92507	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder; individual			15 minutes	4 units per day (1 hr.) Limited up to 300 units per year (75 Hours/year)
92508	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder; group, two or more individuals			15 minutes	4 units per day (1 hr.) Limited up to 300 units per year (75 Hours/year)

### Physical Therapy Services

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Modifier	Modifier Description	Unit of Service	Frequency/ Service Limits
97110	Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility	GP	Services delivered under an outpatient Physical therapy plan of care	15 minutes	4 units per day (1 hr.) Limited up to 300 units per year (75 Hours/year)

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Modifier	Modifier Description	Unit of Service	Frequency/ Service Limits
97530	Therapeutic activities, direct (one-on-one) patient contact by the provider (use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance, each 15 minutes	GO	Services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care	15 minutes	4 units per day (1hr.) Limited up to 300 units per year (75 Hours/year)

**NOTE:**

- Requests for services in excess of these guidelines must be submitted to DHHS for review and approval before services are provided. Requests must document the medical necessity for the additional hours, expected outcome for beneficiary, and must indicate the number of additional hours requested to meet the Medicaid member needs. These requests should be mailed or faxed to:

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina, 29201-8206  
Attn: Division of Medical Support Services  
Private Therapy Coordinator  
Fax: (803) 255-8222

- School-based Rehabilitative Therapy Services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are exempt from the yearly frequency limits.

II. Effective October 1, 2009, DHHS will include Medicaid covered Private Rehabilitative Therapy Services (i.e., Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapy Services) in the Managed Care Organization (MCO) rates as part of the MCO benefits package. Providers must contact the MCO for contractual arrangements and/or billing requirements before treating Medicaid members who are enrolled in a managed care program after September 30, 2009.

Your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid Program is appreciated. Please contact your Program Coordinator with any questions at (803) 898-2655.

/S/  
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